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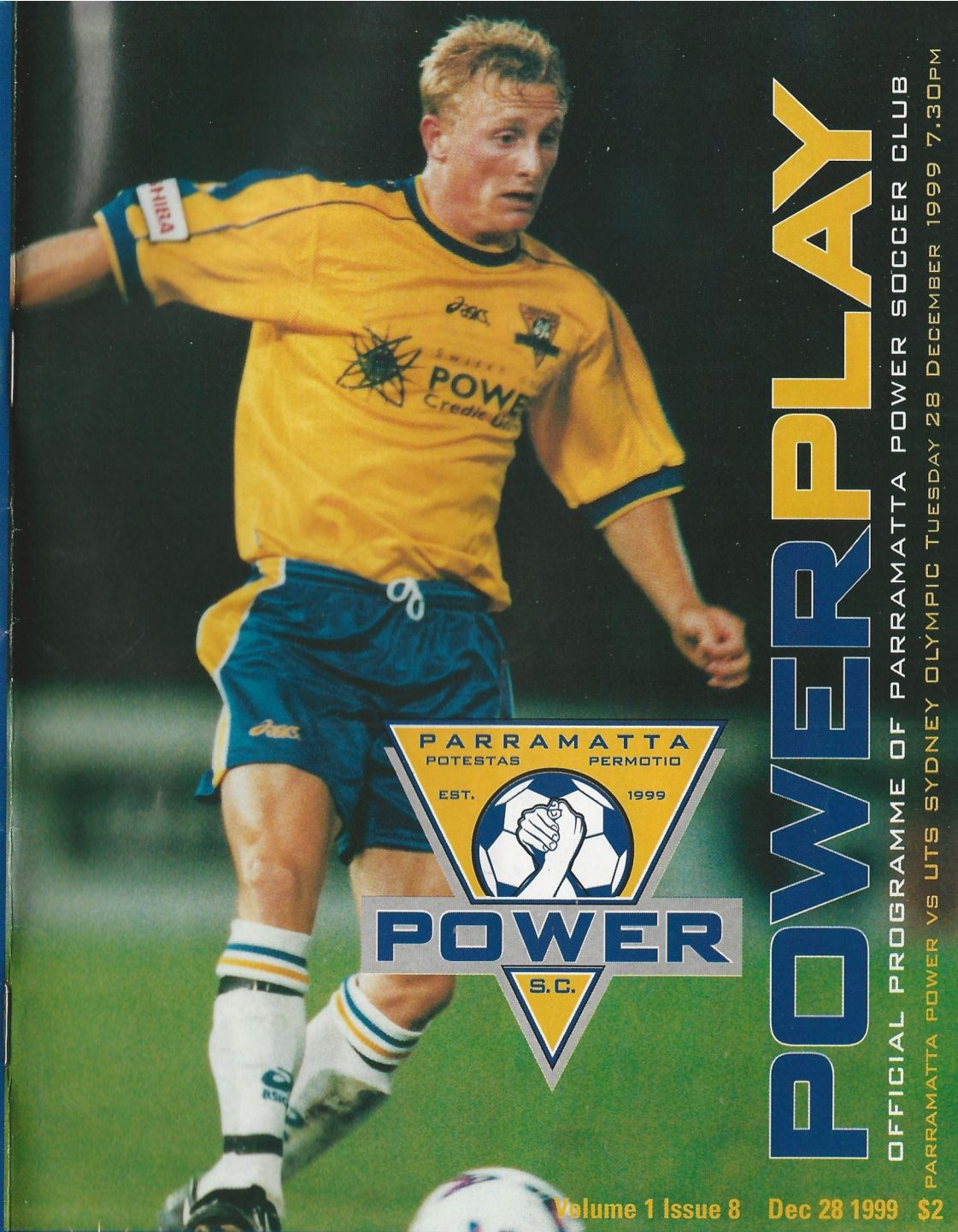
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What a match we have in prospect tonight.

After our confidence boosting win over Sydney United in our last start, we come up against the league leaders and local rivals, Sydney Olympic.

Let me welcome Branko Culina and his team to the 'Powerhouse', to what I envisage, being a very entertaining game between two very good sides.

While many will say, that we should have beat Sydney United in our last start, it was always going to be a very difficult game for us.

There is no other team they want to beat more than us, and it was a very hostile and intimidating atmosphere that faced our players.

So to come away with the three points, and to play so well in very slippery conditions, was a testament to the focus our players showed.

As for Olympic, they are certainly riding high at the present moment and certainly deserve to be sitting on top of the table.

They have talent all over the park and will certainly make us work hard for points we get tonight.

However, we have already showed this season, when it comes to the big games, we have generally come out on top. We seem to lift that extra gear and I have a feeling that this match will be no different.

Both teams like to play football, which means there will be plenty of action at both ends of the park.

My only concern regarding tonight's match, is who I will bring in for Milan Blagojevic. He, along with Andrew Crews, have been our most consistent performers, and I know Milan was especially looking forward to playing against his old club.

However, on the positive side, the performance of Mark Byrnes against United, in his first starting appearance, was absolutely superb. He showed exactly why he is regarded as a future Soccerroo, showing maturity way beyond his tender age of 17.

Mark, on that performance, could become a permanent fixture in the side, and with Steve Laybutt still hopefully on his way, our defence is looking stronger and stronger.

John Gibson, Joel Griffiths and Steve Berry should also come into calculations for tonight's game, which is a nice headache to have when selecting the team.

On a personal note, rumours that I may pull on the boots again, are true. I have been training hard with the team for over a month, and will act as cover for our strikers, if we are desperately short.

I hope that everyone enjoyed a good Christmas, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and joyous New Year.

Enjoy the game!

Dave Mitchell

Cover: Power defender Steve Eagleton, who scored the teams first goal against Sydney United.

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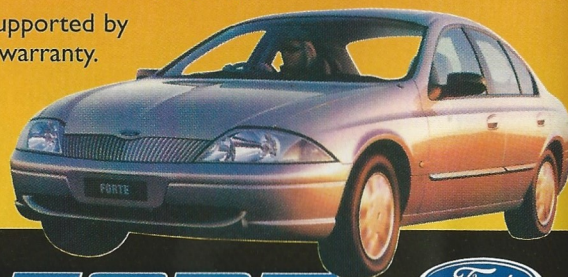


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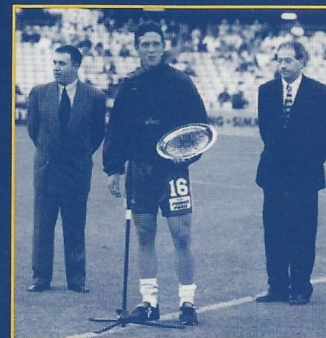
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CLUB NEWS

Coach David Mitchell is certainly leaving no stone unturned in his pursuit to get the team back on winning ways. He has employed a dietician, to make sure the boys don't get carried away over the Christmas and New Year period. Many of the clubs Mitch played for overseas, were big on players dietary intake, and he believes a good, balanced diet, will help his players get through games much stronger. The players apparently have been very receptive to the move, although some players may have to look at changing their pre-match eating habits.



Congratulations to Mark Byrnes and Matty Thompson on making their first team debuts against Newcastle Breakers, two weeks ago. Both came on as second half substitutes and performed very well. Mark nearly snatched an equaliser at the end, with a powerful header, that forced a good save from Breakers keeper Bob Catlin. Matt, has been a solid performer in the Youth teams undefeated start to the season, and impressed Mitch after coming on. Mark, before the game, was presented with a silver plate (see picture) by Power Credit Union Chief Executive, Vince Del Zio, for his outstanding performances with the Joeys at the recently played Under 17 World Championships.

The Power is going to experiment with several Saturday night games in the New Year. The first of these will be against Gippsland Falcons on January 22, followed by matches against Northern Spirit on January 29, and Adelaide Force on February 12. So if you have friends or know of supporters that would much prefer to watch the Power on a Saturday night, get them along, as it could have a bearing on when the Power will play games next season.

Joel Griffiths, not only had a bad shoulder to contend with before the Newcastle Breakers match, but also spent a night in hospital after suffering from food poisoning. Joel recovered from the food poisoning episode, however his shoulder injury forced him out of the Breakers match. He was badly missed up front, as we failed to penetrate the tight Breakers defence. He was likely to be back for the game against Sydney United though, and hopefully still in good goalscoring form.

Around 80 players and staff members plus their partners, attended the inaugural Parramatta Power Christmas Party (see picture). A good night was had by all at the La Bella Vista Restaurant in Parramatta.



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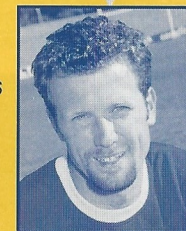
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CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

RICHARD PLESA

Tonight we face one of our most important matches of the season.

Having got back onto the winners list, virtue of our 2-1 win over Sydney United, we must now keep that winning feeling going against fellow Sydney team and current league leaders, Sydney Olympic.

A loss in this match and with two tough away matches to follow, a win is crucial, to how our season will pan out.

As it stands, we are five points behind sixth place and we cannot afford to lose anymore ground. The players know this and are very pumped up for tonight's match.

The win over United was a very good result for us, because it was achieved in difficult circumstances.

It was terrific to see the boys not lie down even when Milan (Blagojevic) was sent off, and when things once again evened themselves up, I thought we controlled the play very well. Olympic though is a different kettle of fish, and it is no surprise to see them doing so well. They have a terrific squad of players, who are combining very well and playing some great football.

However, I am confident we have the players to match them, and we will come away with the three points.

Milan's loss is a huge blow, but it gives the chance for someone to come in and stake their claim for a permanent spot. One really good thing we have at the Power, is a terrific squad, who are all desperate to play well, especially against teams like Olympic. So I have no doubt that whoever does play, will give it his all.

Mark Byrnes continues to improve his credentials after a very good performance, in what was his starting debut for the Club.

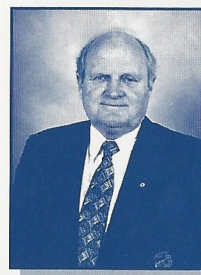
It is hard to believe he is just 17, as he showed the maturity of a seasoned professional. He looked as though he had been playing at that level for years, and, while I hate to admit it, he is going to make it tougher for me to get back into the team.

I would like to make a special thank you to those die hard Power supporters that were out at the United Sports Centre. Surrounded by some very hostile fans, you never let your support for the team waver at any stage, and that was really appreciated by the players.

I hopefully will be back on the park this evening, playing in the Youth team. It has been a very frustrating time for me, and I am very keen to get back in the action and help Parramatta progress up the table.

Finally, let me wish everyone a very happy New Year, and we would like to see as many of you down in Wollongong as possible on January 2, for what will be another important game against a very good team.

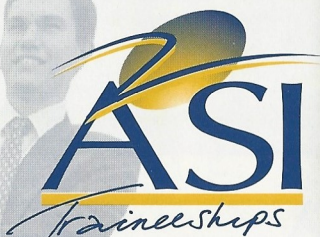
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Chairman
Alan Overton O.A.M

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SUPPORTERS VOICE

We would like to know what the Latin terms are on the Parramatta Power logo please?
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Ed. 'Potestas' means Power and 'Permotio' means Passion.

There has been a lot of talk recently about reducing the number of teams in the NSL. Would this be a good move and how is Parramatta placed as far as criteria goes?
Melinda Garner (14)
Pendle Hill

Ed. The Club cannot comment on whether it is a good move or not, with talks still taking place between the Clubs but if the decision was made to cut teams, Parramatta would be in a good position to meet the criteria.

I agree with Matt Simpson (Issue 7 v Newcastle) on getting those supporters who want to be vocal into a separate group at the ground. The travelling Newcastle fans, approximately 50-60 fans, congregated in a small area on the Eastern stand and made more noise than the whole Parramatta Power crowd. If it wasn't for the Newcastle boys, the atmosphere would have been completely dead. I attended quite a few Northern Spirit games last season, and I would have to say, the main reason was the terrific atmosphere that was created by the supporters in Spirit Point. They made it a good night, even when the football was crap.

Nick Terrone
Parramatta

Ed. Like I said to Matt, the Club is trying to get a Vocal Supporters Club going, however there seems to be a lack of interest. The big

problem we had at the start of the year was the lack of lead up time to the start of the season, once we were accepted into the competition. Things will happen but we need the support of the fans to get many of these initiatives off the ground.

I am very disappointed at the response from the soccer community in the Western Suburbs, for not getting behind Parramatta Power. For years the western suburbs has been crying out for an Australian based club, but now we have one, where is everyone on match nights. The games are heavily publicised, so everyone should know when they are on. It will be interesting to see the response to Parramatta Power playing on Saturday night against Gippsland in January. I hope it is successful.
Go the Power!

Jim Worthington
Toongabbie

Ed. The crowds haven't been as high as expected but they have not been too bad. We have certainly not had a good run with the weather so far this season and our poor results probably haven't helped either. A few wins on the trot could turn things around. The experiment with Saturday night games against Gippsland, Northern Spirit and Adelaide, could be significant in determining which night the Power will play in the future.

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PETER BENNETT

1999-2000 SEASON

DATE OF BIRTH: OCTOBER 27, 1969

STARSIGN: SCORPIO

NICKNAME: BENNO

HEIGHT: 5'11"

WEIGHT: 72KG

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED TO LEANNE

PREVIOUS CLUB/S: APIA LEIGHARDT, PENRITH PANTHERS, SYDNEY UNITED

PLAYING POSITION & NUMBER: UTILITY IN DEFENCE/MIDFIELD & 28

NSL CAREER GAMES: 110 (AS OF ROUND 11)

NSL GOALS: 5 (AS OF ROUND 11)

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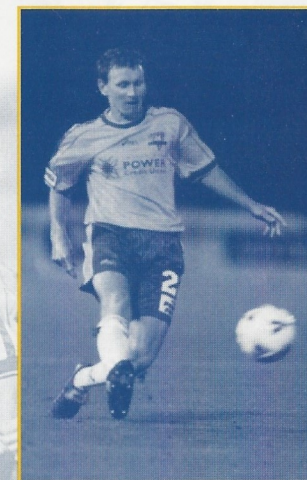
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MATCH REVIEW V NEWCASTLE BREAKERS

Newcastle Breakers 1 (Buonavoglia 62) bt

Parramatta Power 0

Newcastle Breakers continued the Power's worrying start to the season, with a 1-0 victory at Parramatta Stadium.

Playing deep and using the counter attack, proved very profitable for the Breakers, who have now won three on the trot, and are sitting nicely just one point out of the top six.

The only goal of the game was scored in the 62nd minute, following Andy Harper's delightful flick on from a long clearance. Travis Dodd, was able to get past Ahmad Elrich down the right, and his low hard cross was turned in by John Buonavoglia from 8 metres out.

It was obvious from the start that it was going to be Parramatta trying to make the play, with Newcastle defending deep.

Following a succession of corners for the Power, Jon Angelucci had the first shot at goal, an overhead kick that was pushed wide by Breakers keeper Bob Catlin.

However play then got bogged down, as the Power struggled to penetrate the well organised Breakers defence.

Power keeper Andrews Crews then came to his sides rescue in the 33rd minute, turning away a Andy Roberts shot.

Defender Peter Bennett, almost gave Power the lead in the 55th minute, his curling effort from just outside the box, striking the crossbar.

However Newcastle always looked dangerous on the break, and Andy Harper looked as though he would score as he raced clear from halfway. But Steve Eagleton managed to steal the ball from Harper as he was about to, Crews somehow getting his foot the ball as it headed towards goal, that allowed Eagleton to clear.

Minutes later Buonavoglia scored and the Power were forced into more urgency in attack.

However the Breakers defence coped easily with a procession of long, high balls into the box.

The closest the Power came to an equaliser, was in the dying minutes, Mark Byrnes, making his 1st grade debut, forcing Catlin to parry his header, the rebound just to high for Mile Sterjovski to get a second crack at goal.

Coach David Mitchell was extremely disappointed after the match, saying it was easily the teams worst performance of the season so far.

Power's Best - Milan Blagojevic, Andrew Crews

V SYDNEY UNITED

Parramatta Power 2 (Eagleton 19, Sterjovski 58) bt Sydney United 1 (Bosevski 70)

The Power secured a much needed three points, after a hard fought 2-1 win over Sydney United at the United Sports Centre.

The game also saw Mark Byrnes make a magnificent starting debut for the Club, and will be hard to displace after this performance.

Goals by Steve Eagleton and Mile Sterjovski had the Power 2-0 ahead, however Nick Bosevski pulled a goal back with 20 minutes of normal time to go.

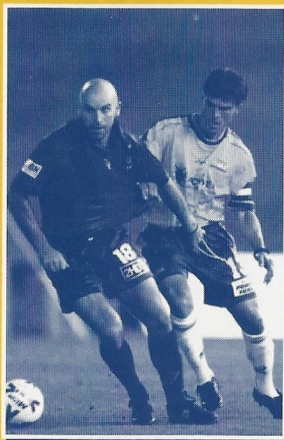
The win though was soured by the first half dismissal of Milan Blagojevic, after referee Matthew Breeze adjudged him as the last man in defence with his tackle on Bosevski 35 metres out from goal. While you could rule the send off either way, the impact is great, as Milan will now miss the crucial match with Sydney Olympic on the 28th.

Eagleton scored his first goal of the season, with a crisp drive that beat United keeper Brett Hughes at the near post.

Ray Younis' send off just after the break evened the sides at 10 players each, and Mile Sterjovski took full advantage, capitalising on a defensive mix up to race into the box and slam home his shot.

Bosevski pulled a goal back, but the Power had several chances to regain a two-goal lead, the best chance falling to the impressive Byrnes, whose header was cleared off the line.

Power's Best - Mark Byrnes, Andrew Crews, Jacob Burns



Milan Blagojevic's battles with Newcastle's Andy Harper

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CARLTON	12	7	3	2	26	13	24
PERTH GLORY	12	6	3	3	26	16	21
BRISBANE STRIKERS	12	6	3	3	18	11	21
WOLLONGONG WOLVES	12	6	3	3	23	17	21
MARCONI STALLIONS	12	6	2	4	16	17	20
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	12	5	4	3	18	17	19
FOOTBALL KINGZ	12	4	4	4	22	23	16
PARRAMATTA POWER	12	4	3	5	19	20	15
SOUTH MELBOURNE	12	4	2	6	19	20	14
GIPPSLAND FALCONS	12	3	4	5	8	13	13
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	12	4	1	7	14	23	13
NORTHERN SPIRIT	12	4	1	7	9	18	13
CANBERRA COSMOS	12	3	2	7	15	22	11
ADELAIDE FORCE	12	2	4	6	11	16	10
SYDNEY UNITED	12	2	3	7	8	17	9

NSL LEADING GOALSCORERS

9 PAUL FOSTER (BRISBANE)	7 SASO PETROVSKI (WOLLONGONG)
9 ALEX MORIERA (CARLTON)	6 JOEL GRIFFITHS (POWER)
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7 IVAN KELIC (KNIGHTS)	6 BOBBY DESPOTOVSKI (PERTH)
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7 ANDREW MARTH (CARLTON)	

YOUTH TABLE

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PARRAMATTA POWER	11	9	2	0	32	6	29
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	10	7	3	0	29	7	24
QAS	12	7	1	4	31	18	22
NORTHERN SPIRIT	9	6	1	2	21	12	19
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	12	6	1	5	24	16	19
MARCONI STALLIONS	10	6	0	4	16	18	18
ACTAS	11	4	3	4	18	24	15
NSWIS	10	4	2	4	18	10	14
SYDNEY UNITED	8	4	1	3	17	17	13
OLYMPIC ACADEMY	10	4	0	6	24	39	12
WOLLONGONG WOLVES	10	3	1	6	10	17	10
NEWCASTLE COLTS	13	3	1	9	16	29	10
MARCONI COLTS	10	2	3	5	16	26	9
SPIRIT COLTS	9	2	2	5	9	23	8
UNITED COLTS	13	1	2	10	11	35	5
WOLVES COLTS	9	0	1	8	6	39	1



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Ahmad Elrich – using his pace to get past his Breakers opponent.



Make Brynes get his header on target but is saved by the Breakers keeper.



Some of the Power's die hard fans at the recent Newcastle Breakers match.



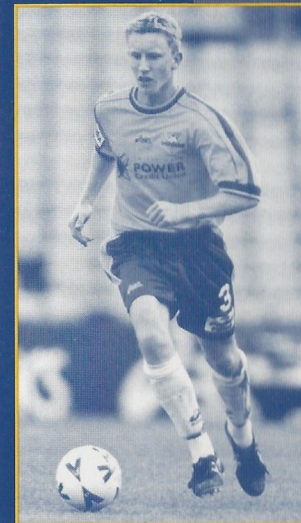
Walter Ardone at full stretch to win possession.



Steve Berry putting every effort into reaching a cross.

YOUTH PLAYER

John Kelso



Date of Birth: May 18, 1981

Nickname: Geebes

Height: 182cm

Weight: 74kg

Playing Position: Stopper

Previous Club/s: Parramatta Eagles

Honours: Under 15 State Champions (Parramatta Eagles), Regional School Boys

Favourite Soccer Team/s: Liverpool

Favourite Soccer Player/s: Lothar Matthaus

What are your soccer ambitions: To play first grade with Power and play for Australia

Best advice you have received: Remember me when you're famous (sister)

Favourite TV program: Friends

If you could be anyone else for a day, who would you be: David Beckham

Name any 4 people you would invite to a private dinner party: Katie Holmes, Natalie Portman, The Pleasure Machine, Sarah Michelle Gellar (Buffy)

Complete this Sentence: I can't live without... Money, my parents & family, money, soccer

YOUTH TEAM

V UTS Sydney Olympic

Burin Ahmedi
Ismael Arrarte
Travis Bardsley
Daniel Cabrera
Scott Dixon
Paul Down
Pat Gatt
John Kelso
Dwayne Pearson
Monte Pfrengle
Luke Roodenburg
Brendan Santalab
Lachlan Wright

Youth League Results

Round 11
Parramatta Power 2 (P Gatt, S Dixon)
bt
Newcastle Breakers 1

Round 12
Parramatta Power 1 (Pfrengle 40')
drew
N.S.W.I.S. 1

Power Goalscorers

6 Daniel Kukucka	2 Jon Angelucci
2 Matt Thompson	2 Monte Pfrengle
4 Pat Gatt	1 Luke Roodenburg
2 Ahmad Elrich	1 Scott Dixon
2 Danny Townsend	1 Mark Byrnes
2 Steve Berry	1 David Barrett
2 Lachlan Wright	

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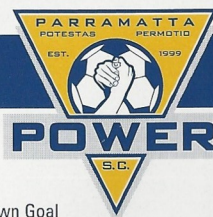
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8	Melbourne Knights	H	2-1	7286	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	s10	s28							s7	1	
15	Adelaide Force	A	1-2	6383	1		1	1	1	1	1	1 ^R	1	s5	s23		1		s6						1	1	1	
22	Canberra Cosmos	H	2-3	5129	1		1	1	1 ^Y	1	1	1	1	1	1		1 ^Y	s5							s6	s13	1	
30	Brisbane Strikers	A	1-3	4121	1	1 ^Y	1			1 ^Y			1 ^Y	1	1		1		s18			1			s11	1	1 ^R	
5	Gippsland Falcons	H	1-1	4067	1	1		1	1		1		1	1 ^Y	1		1	s4 ^Y	s11						1	1	1	
12	Perth Glory	H	3-1	6076	1	1	s8	s23		1		1		1	1		1	1	s14						1	1	1 ^Y	
19	Carlton	A	3-1	2236	1	1	s2	s21		1		1 ^Y		1	1 ^Y		1 ^Y	1	s14 ^Y						1	1	1 ^Y	
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5	South Melbourne	A	2-4	7563	1		s6	s10		1 ^Y	1 ^R	1 ^Y	1	1	1		1	1	s14						1	1	1	
10	Newcastle Breakers	H	0-1	4004	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1 ^Y	s28 ^Y	s6			s8		1	1	1	
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MATCH PREVIEW V UTS SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Sydney Olympic come to Parramatta Stadium, having started the season in tremendous style.

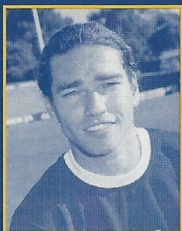
After last years disappointment of missing the finals, they have set about to ensure that scenario does not happen again.

Their biggest problem last season was winning matches away from home, but this year they have turned that around and have won five out of six away from Belmore.

The cornerstone behind their good start, has been their defence, which has only conceded 9 goals. However, they possess talent all over the park, with any number of players that can open up a game in a split second.

We finally got back on the winners track against United, and with a good record against teams near the top of the ladder, the Power is confident it can add Olympic to that list.

We talk to former Olympic player and now Power midfielder Walter Ardone, about tonight's match.



PowerPlay (PP) - We scored a good win against United. Has that restored confidence in the team?

Walter Ardone (WA) - I don't think we ever lost confidence. I think we were unlucky against Newcastle, and certainly didn't deserve to lose. But the win over United, was good for several reasons. It was always going to a very tough match with the United crowd very hostile towards us, and in particular Mitch. But we handled it very well, played some good football in difficult conditions, and showed a lot of character to hold off a determined United side.

PP - Milan's send off is a blow though. Will he be sorely missed?

WA - For both Milan and myself, this match was always going to be special. Milan, will now miss the match, and he is gutted. He had a point to prove to a few people at Olympic. He has also been one of best and most consistent performers all season for us, and his experience and knowledge of the Olympic players will be missed. But on the bright side, Mark Byrnes performance last week was terrific and whoever comes in for Milan, will no doubt be up for it, as Olympic are a team you always look forward to playing and really want to beat.

PP - Olympic are leading the competition. Have you seen much of them this season?

WA - A little. Enough to know they are going to be tough to beat tonight. Their defence has been brilliant so far this season, and we will have our work cut out for us to get past them. They have a very strong squad, and like us are all trying desperately to get a game. Probably the big difference between us and them, is they seem to have had a more settled side, which helps with consistency on the park. They also have one of the best strikers in the competition in Pablo Cardozo, who can score them from anywhere.

PP - Where do you see the key match ups?

WA - Games like this, which I see being fairly open and free flowing, are won and lost in the midfield. Both sides have excellent midfield's and it is most likely, whichever teams midfield gets on top, will come out on top. Olympic like to use the flanks a lot, and with players like Brett Emerton out wide, you can understand why. Pablo and our own Mile Sterjovski were the two best strikers in the competition last season, and with both starting to find the back of the net again, these two will have to be watched closely. I believe we have the players, to not only match them but be better than them, and I'm confident the Power can make it back-to-back wins.

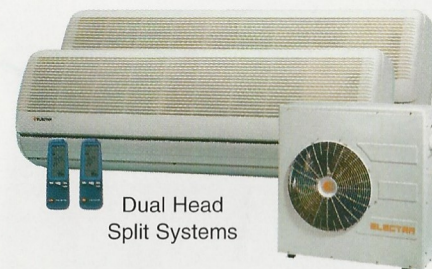
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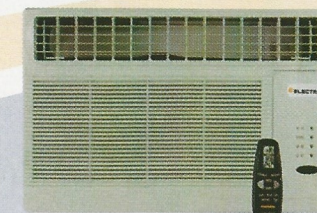
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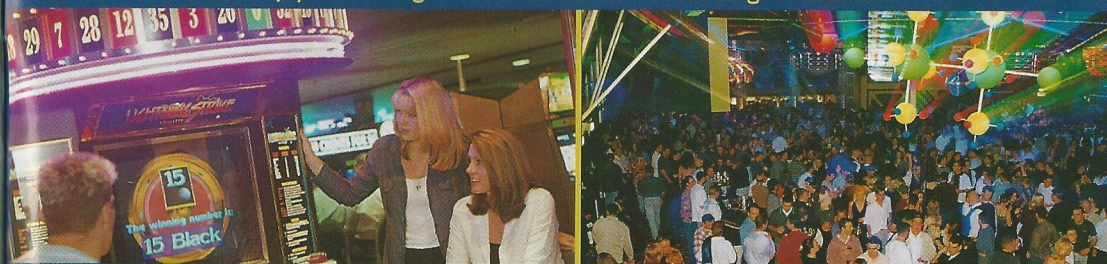


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